

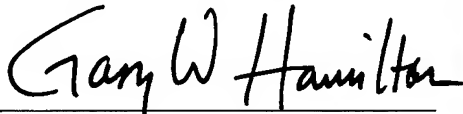
REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 are rejected. Claims 3-11 and 14-20 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION


In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

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